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(54) **Physical security system for portable computer**

(57) A notebook computer (10) includes physical security apparatus (30,50) for locking a display (18) and system unit (20) together in a 'clamshell' configuration. The security apparatus also prevents removal of peripheral devices (26, 28) and disables inputs from the computer keyboard (14) and pointing/clicking device (112). In some modes of operation the security apparatus also

prevents powering up the computer and undocking of the computer from a docking station (120). A single user action results in locking the clamshell, locking the peripheral units in place and disabling the keyboard and mouse. Similarly, a user single action results in turning off the security measures (e.g., unlocking the clamshell, unlocking the peripheral units and enabling the keyboard and mouse).

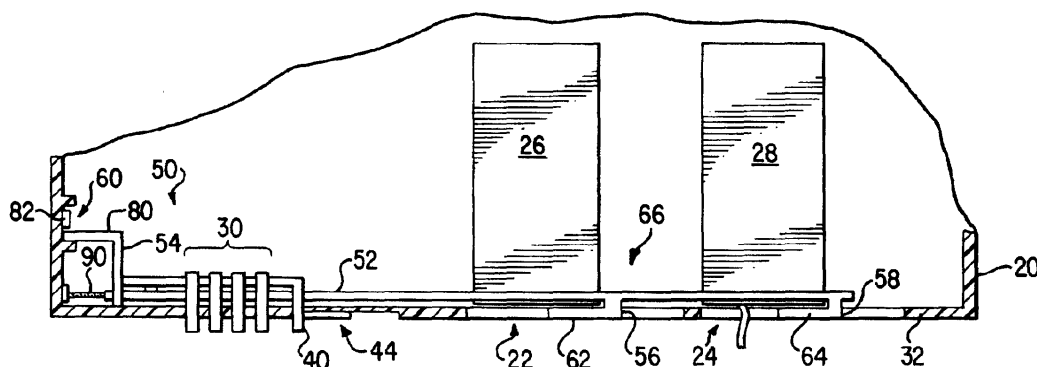


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